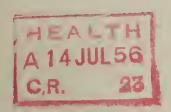
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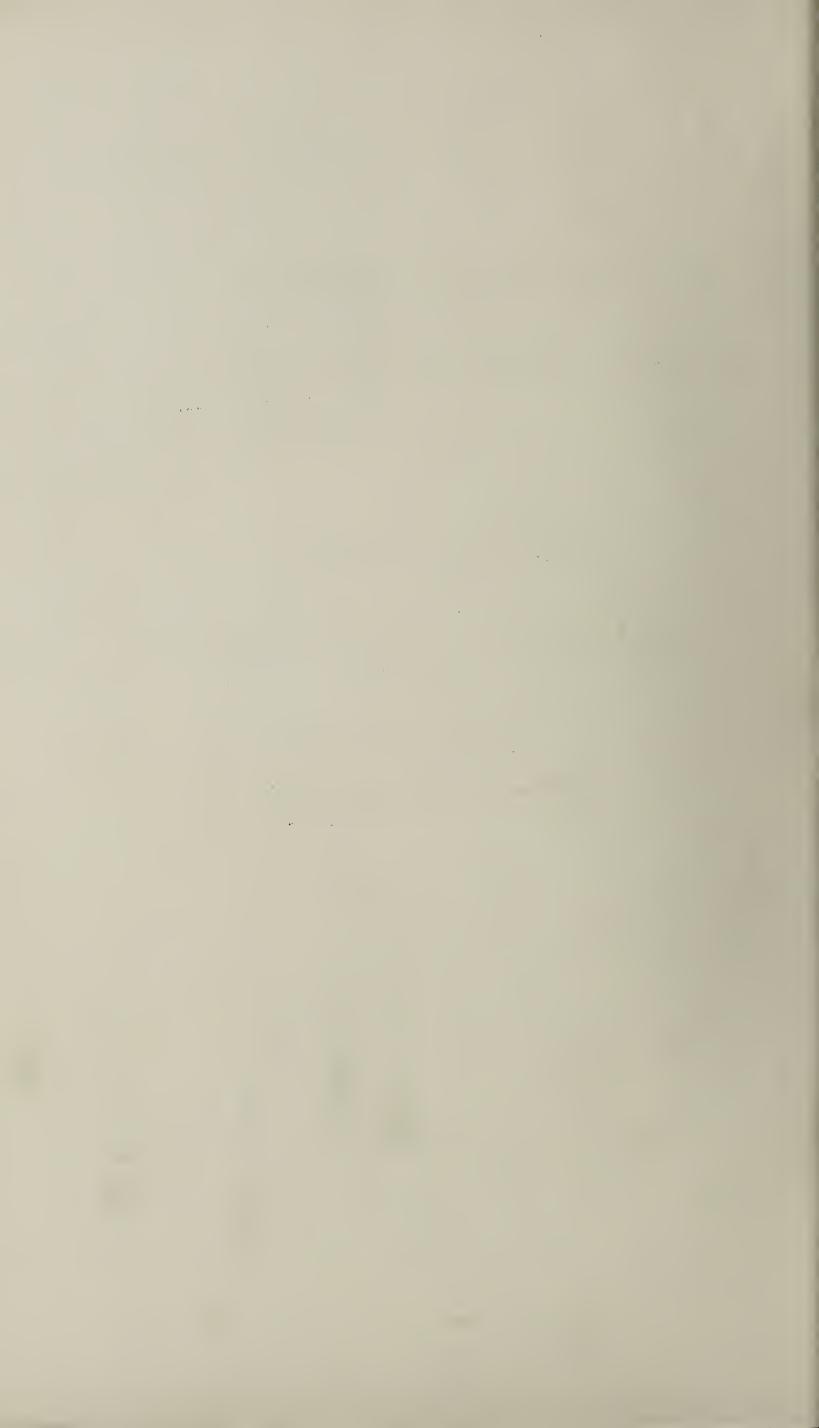
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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING

31st. DECEMBER, 1955.



SALTON & BELVOIR KURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

1955

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

per 1,000 live births. 21.7

I have the honour to present herewith my seventeenth Annual Report dealing with matters within my responsibility regarding Public Health and preventive medicine:-

GENERAL STATISTICS.

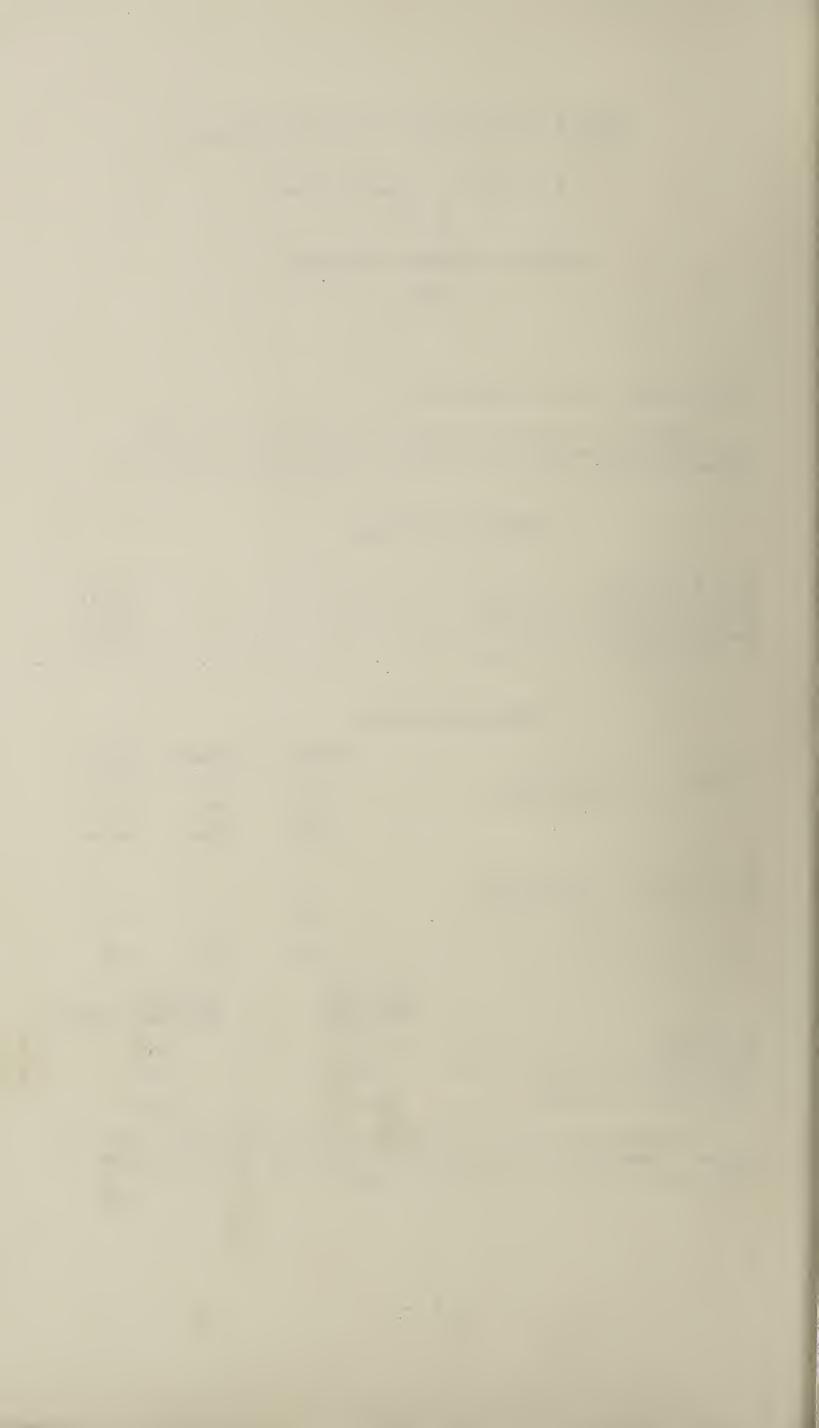
Area (in acres) Registrar General's estimate of population	10 760
Number of innabited houses	5.832
Rateable value	91.831
Sum represented by a penny rate	£333. 15. 9d.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births - Legitimate Illegitimate	<u>Males.</u> 1264130	Females. Total. 141 267 5 9 146 276	
Still Births - Legitimate Illegitimate	3 1 4	3 6 - - 3 6	
	Rate for District.	Rate for England & Wales	<u> </u>
Birth Rate	15.7 9.9	15.0 11.7	

The Death Rate for the District is again very low. The main causes of death are diseases of the heart and arteries which occur amongst people of advanced years.

24.9



C.UDES OF DEATH.	Males.	Females.
Tuberculosis Respiratory Malignant Neoplasm Stomach Malignant Neoplasm Breast. Malignant Neoplasm Uterus. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasm. Leukaemia. Diabetes. Vascular Lesion of Nervous System. Coronary Disease, Angina. Hypertension with Heart Disease. Other Heart Disease. Other Circulatory Disease. Pneumonia. Bronchitis. Other Diseases of Respiratory System. Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum Nephritis & Nephrosis. Hyperplasia of Prostate. Congenital Malformations. Other Defined and ill-defined Diseases. Motor Vehicle Accidents. All other accidents. Suicide.	- 12 - 8 1 19 19 6 3 2 1 2 1 2 1 12 3 1	1305111 19022723-11-15141
	94	110

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

J. Young, M.B., Ch.B. D.P.H. (Camb).

Medical Officer of Health for the Leicestershire and
Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included.

L. Hesford, Sanitary Inspector.

Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute, Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board, Meat Inspector, Smoke Inspector.

W.P.Elliott - Additional Sanitary Inspector.
Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board.

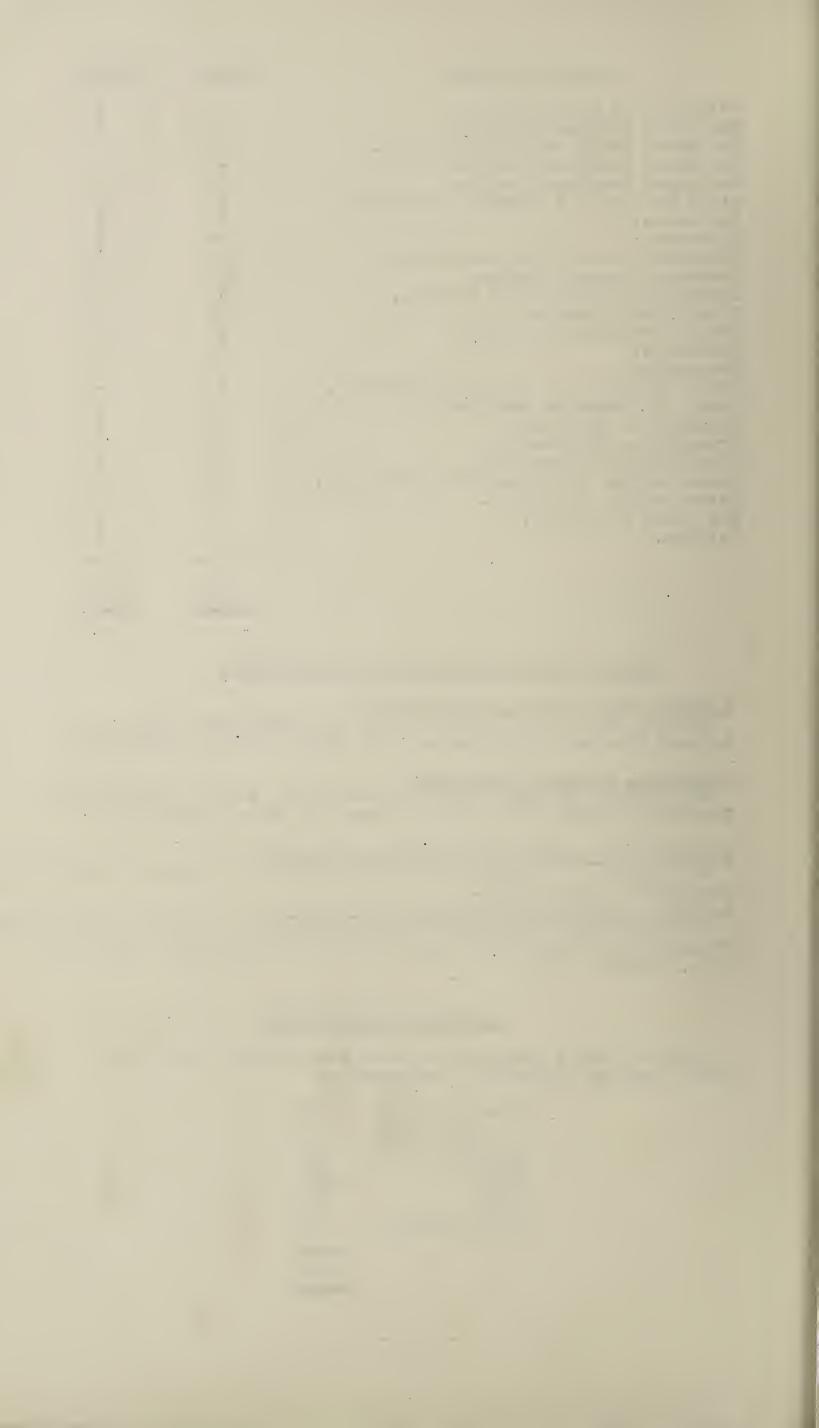
G.Newman - Additional Sanitary Inspector.
Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, Sanitary Inspector's Examination Joint Board. Inspector of Meat and other Foods from 17th. October, 1955.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The following examinations have been carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Leicester :-

Throat & Nose	30
Swab.	- -
Faeces & Urine	57
Sputum	45
Milk	203
Water	13
Miscellaneous.	14

362



Fifty-eight samples of water were submitted to the Leicester City Health Laboratory for bacteriological and chemical analyses.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

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Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1955.

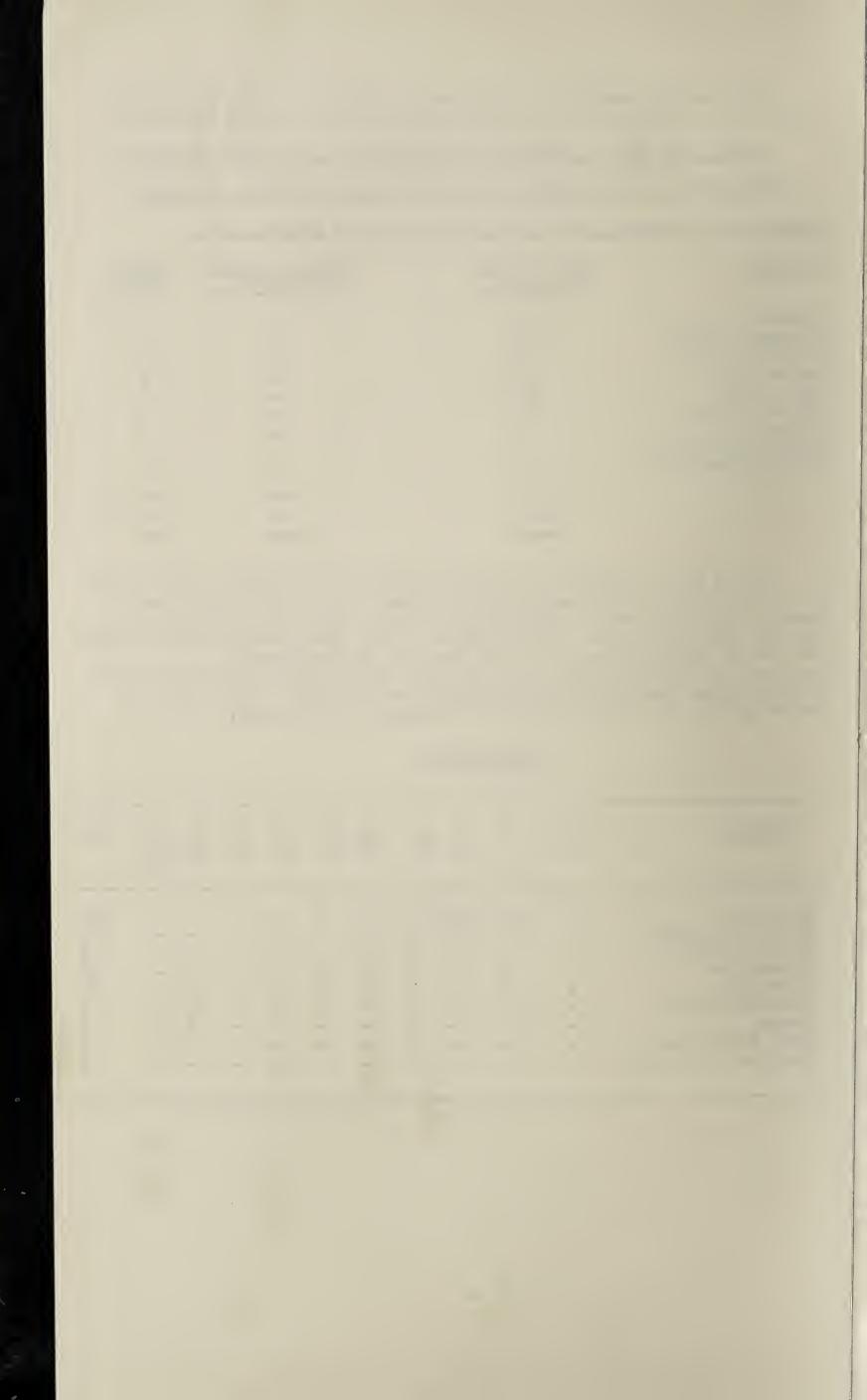
Disease	Total cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Measles. Whooping Cough. Scarlet Fever. Pneumonia. Dysentery. Poliomyelitis. Mumps. Puerperal Pyrexia. Food Poisoning.	384 86 9 27 45 1 1	2 1 - -	4
	548	3	4

There was no epidemic of serious infectious disease but measles was very prevalent throughout the year. All the Scarlet Fever cases were treated at home. I am pleased to note that again there was no case of Diphtheria. Particulars of the Immunisation work carried out in the District are given at the end of the report.

One case of Poliomyelitis was reported, but fortunately this was of a mild type. The dysentery cases were of the mild type which is becoming increasingly prevalent throughout the country.

AGE GROUPS.

DISEASE	Under 1	<u>1</u> 3	<u>3</u> 5	<u>5</u> 10	<u>10</u> 15	1 <u>5</u> 25	<u>25</u> 35	<u>35</u> 45	<u>45</u> 65	65 and over	TOTAL
Measles. Whooping Cough. Scarlet Fever. Pneumonia. Dysentery. Poliomyelitis. Mumps. Food Poisoning. Puerperal Pyrexia.	8 5 - 2 1 -	87 23 - 3 6 	102 28 1 6	153 27 9 4 7 -	32 3 1 8 - -	2 - 6 2	9 - 1	2 1	- 8 3 1 - 1	2	384 86 9 27 45 1 2



TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Groups.	New Cases. Pulmonary Non-Pulmonary				Deaths			
!				ulmonary ;	Pulmo	nary	Non-F	Non-Pulmonary
1	M	P	· Nī	F 1	M	F	M	P
Under 5 5 - 15 15 - 25 25 - 35 35 - 46 Over 45	- 7 1	- 4 1		- 1 - 1 - 1		- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-	

SANITARY CRICUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.	Number of samples taken for analysis:- (a) from wells
	Result of samples taken :-
	from wells satisfactory
•	from piped supply - satisfactory
	Number of wells :- (a) closed
	Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water
	Number of Parishes without a piped water supply 3
	Number of houses now on piped supply 3,224
	Number of Parishes and part Parishes with piped water supply:- (a) from public mains
	Sampling of some of the public wells has been carried out.

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Existing Water supplies.

The Parishes of Ab Kettleby, Asfordby, Broughton and Dalby, Clawson and Harby, Stathern, Waltham (Thorpe Arnold Ward), Eaton (Eastwell Ward), Somerby, Burton and Dalby (Burton Ward), Sproxton (Sproxton and Saltby Wards), Gaddesby, Garthorpe, Grimston, Bottesford, Wymondham, Hoby, Knossington (Knossington Ward), Scalford, and Buckminster (Sewstern Ward) are supplied from the Council's Mains.

The Water schemes for Hose and Harby, Scalford, Wycomb and Chadwell, Burrough and Pickwell, are now completed. The Redmile water scheme which was started in April, 1955 is nearing completion. Water Schemes have been prepared for Joston, Sewstern, Sproxton, Saltby and Croxton Kerrial and approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and a starting date promised. Schemes have also been prepared for Waltham, Eaton, Branston, Frisby-on-the-Wreake, Kirby Bellars, Great Dalby, Thorpe Satchville and Twyford.

Stand pipes are not provided, the services being laid on to the Consumer's premises.

There is no indication of any tendency to plumbo solvency.

The Parishes of Belvoir, Buckminster (Buckminster Ward) are supplied by private piped supplies.

The rest of the District is supplied from public and private wells. The majority of the wells are 'shallow wells' of doubtful quality, and in many cases insufficient in quantity during dry periods.

Shortages have been experienced, particularly in Barkestone and Great Dalby, and Waltham and Croxton Kerrial, and it has been necessary to cart water to these villages during the summer and autumn months.

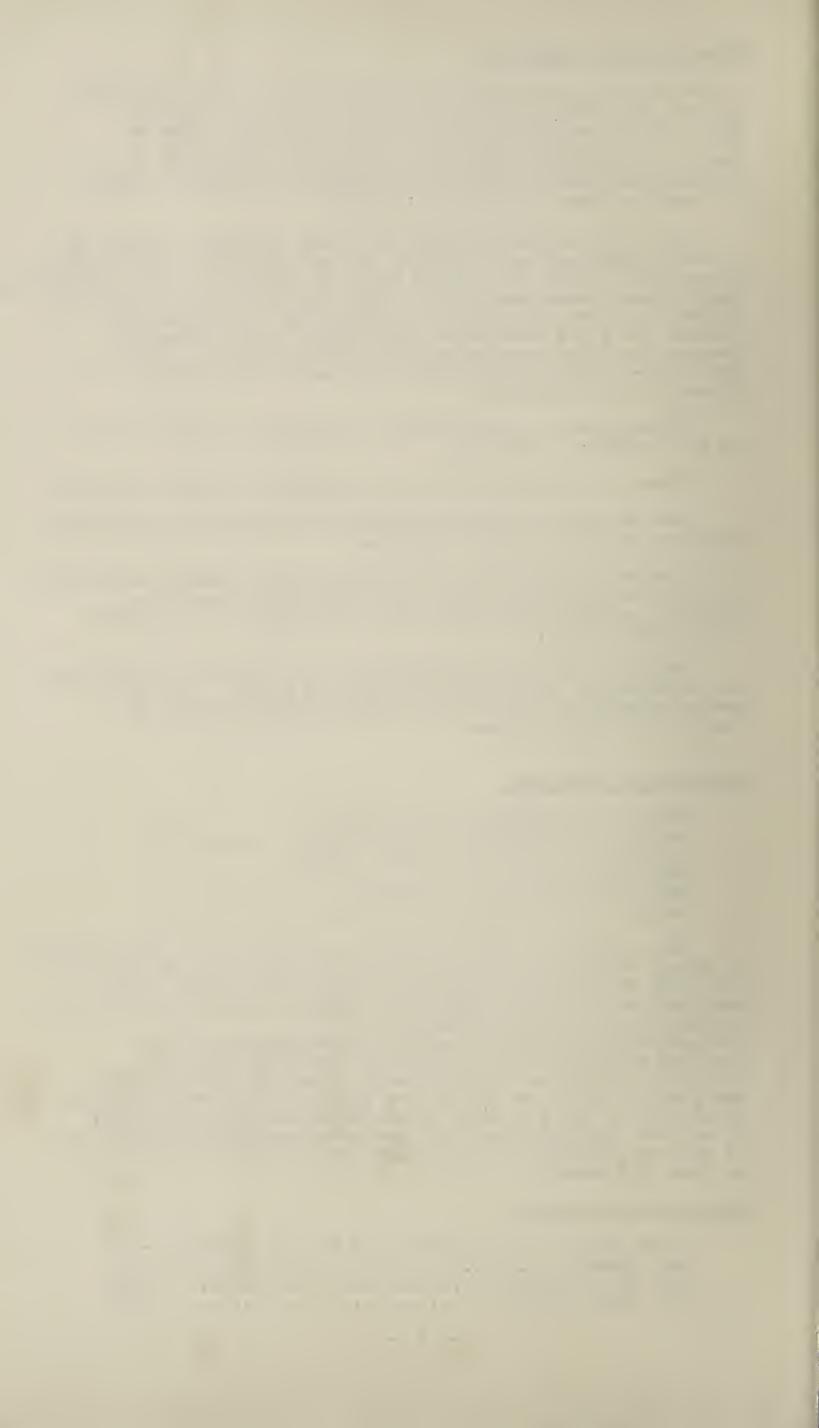
Drainage and Sewerage.

Number of cesspools in the District at the end of 1953	. 313
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	
Number of cesspools constructed	
during the year	• 22

The Council have given further consideration to the provision of Sewage Works in various villages and preparation of the plans for works at Rotherby, Wymondham, Bottesford, Scalford, Hose and Harby are nearing completion. Further villages will receive consideration during the coming year. The provision of adequate sewerage arrangements for the parishes without such an amenity are becoming urgently necessary, both from a Public Health point of view and from the finance angle, as only by the provision of Sewage Disposal Works can the heavy cost of nightsoil collection be reduced. It is also desirable that the water courses, ditches, which are at present polluted by sewage discharges should be cleaned up as soon as possible.

Closet Accommodation.

			crict at		:
(a) :	Privies		 	 	 314
(b) :	Pail Clo	sets	 • • • • • • •		2896
(c) 1	Nater Cl	Losets	 	 	 2546



Public Cleansing.

During the year the Public Cleansing Service has been maintained and efficient service given with a fleet of modern vehicles comprising:-

1 Dennis	
1 S.D.	ll cu.yd. Refuse Collector.
1 S.D.	13 cu.yd. Refuse Collector.
2 S.D.	Combined Nightsoil and Cesspool Emptiers -
	800 gall. capacity.

and 1 Dennis Refuse Collector on Salvage work.

Household refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping and no difficulty has been experiented here. The disposal of nightsoil is to farms, when it is ploughed into the land as manure. There is at present no difficulty in disposal, and in view of the amount of ploughed land it is not anticipated that this will create a problem for the next year or two. The cost of nightsoil collections however, is continually rising and the Council should, as soon as possible, give serious consideration to the conversion of pail closets to water closets in order to reduce the cost of this service.

The present system of conversion is by voluntary methods and has resulted in the conversion of 57 pail closets to water closets during the year. This has no material influence in reducing the cost of the service, but if it were possible to arrange for the conversion of villages en-bloc a considerable saving would no doubt result.

The collection of salvage was continued during the year and the following weights of salvage were collected.

Tons.	cwts.	qrs.				
28	3	2	Baled	Paper.		
13	19	2	Scrap	Metal	and	Rags.

The revenue produced from this source during the year was £313. 0. 4d.

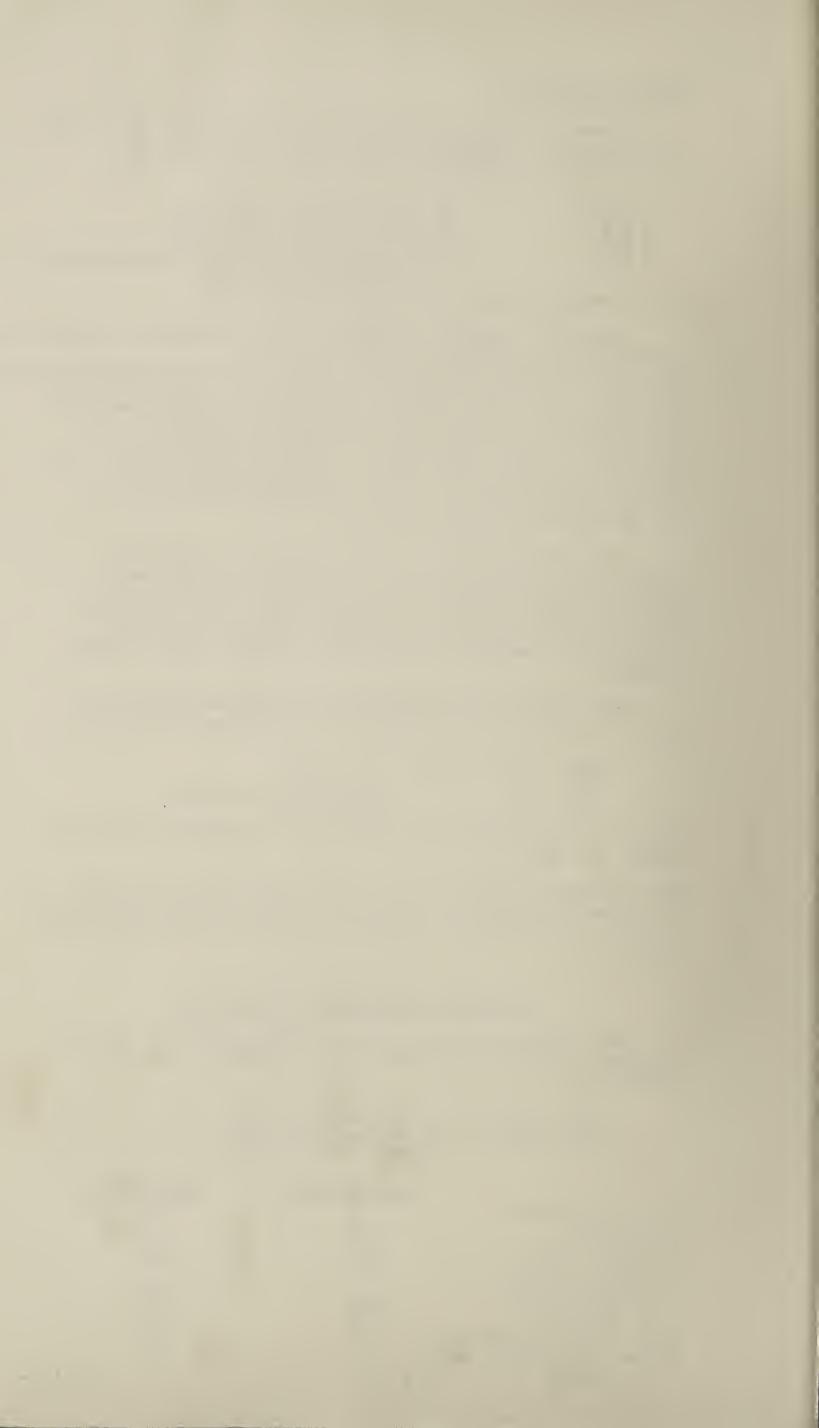
The Council is continuing to empty cesspools on request from the occupiers at a standard charge. There is, however, no collection of the contents of privy middens within the area.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

The particulars given under this Heading are for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this report:

Total	number	of	complaints received	• •	429
Total	number	of	defects or nuisances		
			discovered	. 0	97

	Inspections.	Re-visits.
Animal keeping.	7	4
Bakehouses	12	12
Dairies etc.,	192	47
Drainage works.	535	409
Dwelling Houses		
(all purposes)	1802	907
Food premises.	176	79
Rats and mice destruction	on 1119	398
Refuse collection and >	421	12
disposal _)	6 -	Cont'd -



Sanitary Inspection of the Area (Continued)

	Inspections.	Re-visits.
Shops Schools. Tents, Vans, Sheds, Verminous premises. Water supplies. Workshops, etc., Other inspections. Slaughterhouses (dur	9 93 1 4 98	49 2 43 9 16 15 27
killing period).	892	-
	***	brands of the Control
TOTAL -	5522	2029
		Vermander-verhalten Operandere und Intel Veryanden besteht und Agent des eines

Notices

Preliminary	Housing	Other.
Outstanding on lst.January Issued during the year. Complied with during the year Statutory action necessary Outstanding on 31st. December	_	Nil 7 4 - 3
Statutory		
Outstanding on lst.January Issued during the year. Complied with during the year Outstanding on 31st.December	Nil Nil Nil Nil	Nil Nil Nil Nil

Shops

Action taken during the year under the provision of the Shops Act, 1950:-

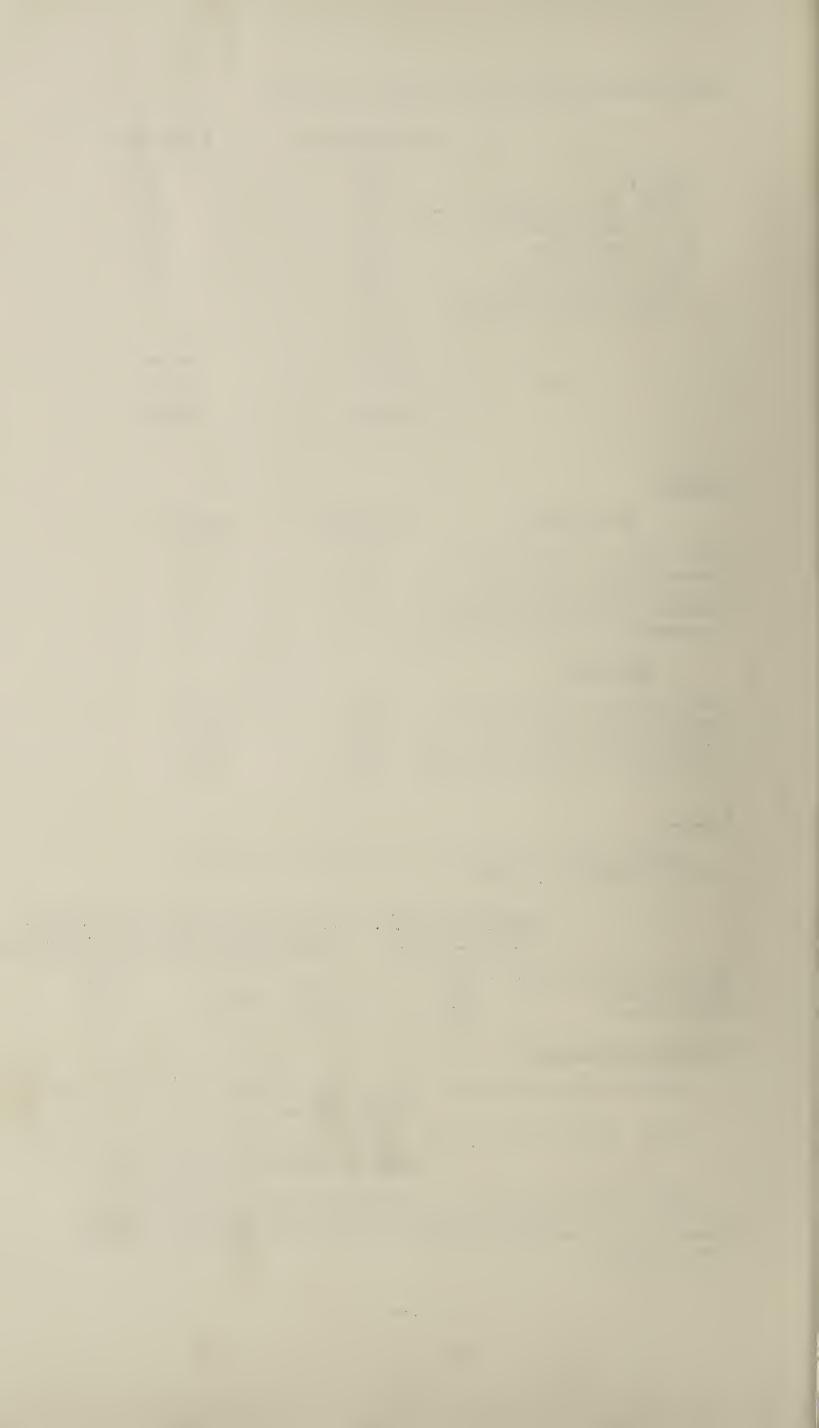
Outstanding from previous year.	Defects Defects Outstanding found. remedied. 31st.December.
Sanitary conveniences Nil	4 4 Nil
Temperature Nil	Nil Nil Nil
Ventilation Nil	2 1 1

Regulated Buildings

Common Lodging Houses - There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc., - There are 27 vans in the District and 38 inspections were made.

These Vans are kept in a reasonably clean condition, several of them being occupied by very good families who are forced by the present housing shortage to take this means of accommodation.

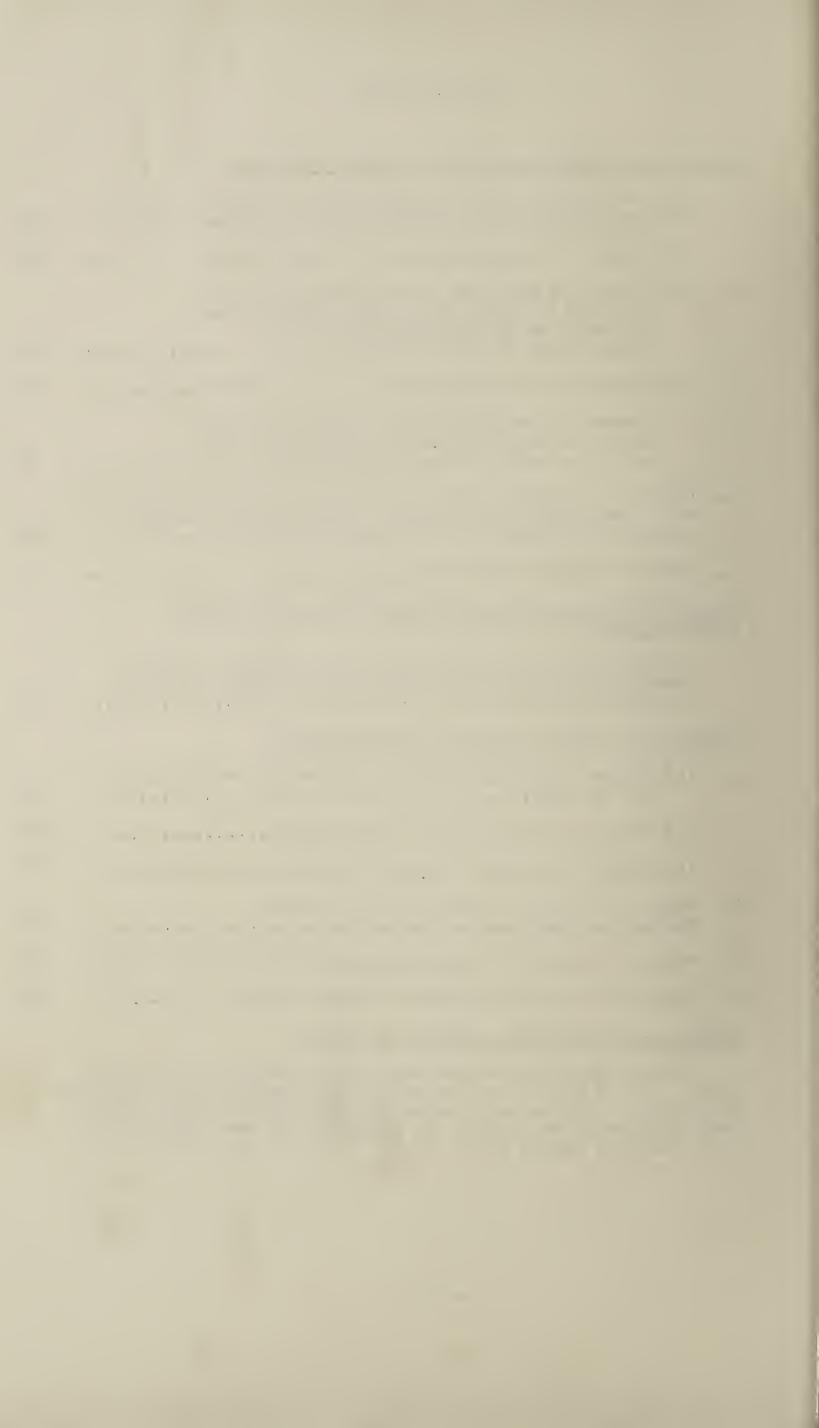


HOUSING.

Ins	pection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.	
1.	(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts	831
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	702
2.	(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	422
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	422
3.	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	47
4.	Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	41 7
5.	Number of Demolition Orders made	4
Reme	edy of Defects during the Year without Service of mal Notice.	
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	43
Hous	sing Act, 1936 - Part 1V - Overcrowding.	
1.	(a) Number of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year	97
	(b) Number of families dwelling therein	128
	(c) Number of persons dwelling therein	512
2.	Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	49
3.	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	79
4.	Number of persons concerned in such cases	316
Prov	vision of New Houses during the Year.	

147 new houses were completed and occupied at the end of 1955. 121 of these were erected by the Council, 26 by private enterprise. There were about 325 applicants on the Council Housing List at the end of the year and 181 new applications were received during 1955

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply

Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk other than Cowkeepers.

Number on the Register		53
Number of inspections of	premises	149
Number of contraventions	outstanding	
from previous year.		Nil
Number of contraventions	found	
during the year.		7
Number of contraventions	remedied	
during the year.		7
Number of contraventions	outstanding	·
at 31st. December.		Nil

Following a Laboratory Report of a sample of milk in which Br. Abortus was isolated, a stoppage order was made on the 6th. April, 1955 and was withdrawn on the 1st. of July, 1955 when a satisfactory report on samples was received.

Total Contraventions.

	Outstanding from previous year.	Found during Year.	Remedied during Year.	Outstanding 31st.December.
Cleansing Structural	Nil	6	6	Nil
alterations	Nil	1	1	Nil
Utensils	Nil		,	Nil
Other	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Milk Sampling.

157 samples of milk were taken for bacteriological and biological examination. 139 were satisfactory and 18 unsatisfactory when subjected to the bacteriological test. 149 were satisfactory biologically and Mycobacterium Tuberculosis in 8.

No action was necessary under Article 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.

The Milk (Special Designations) Order.

Four supplementary licences have been issued in respect of pasteurised milk. One bettling licence for "Tuberculin Tested" milk was granted.

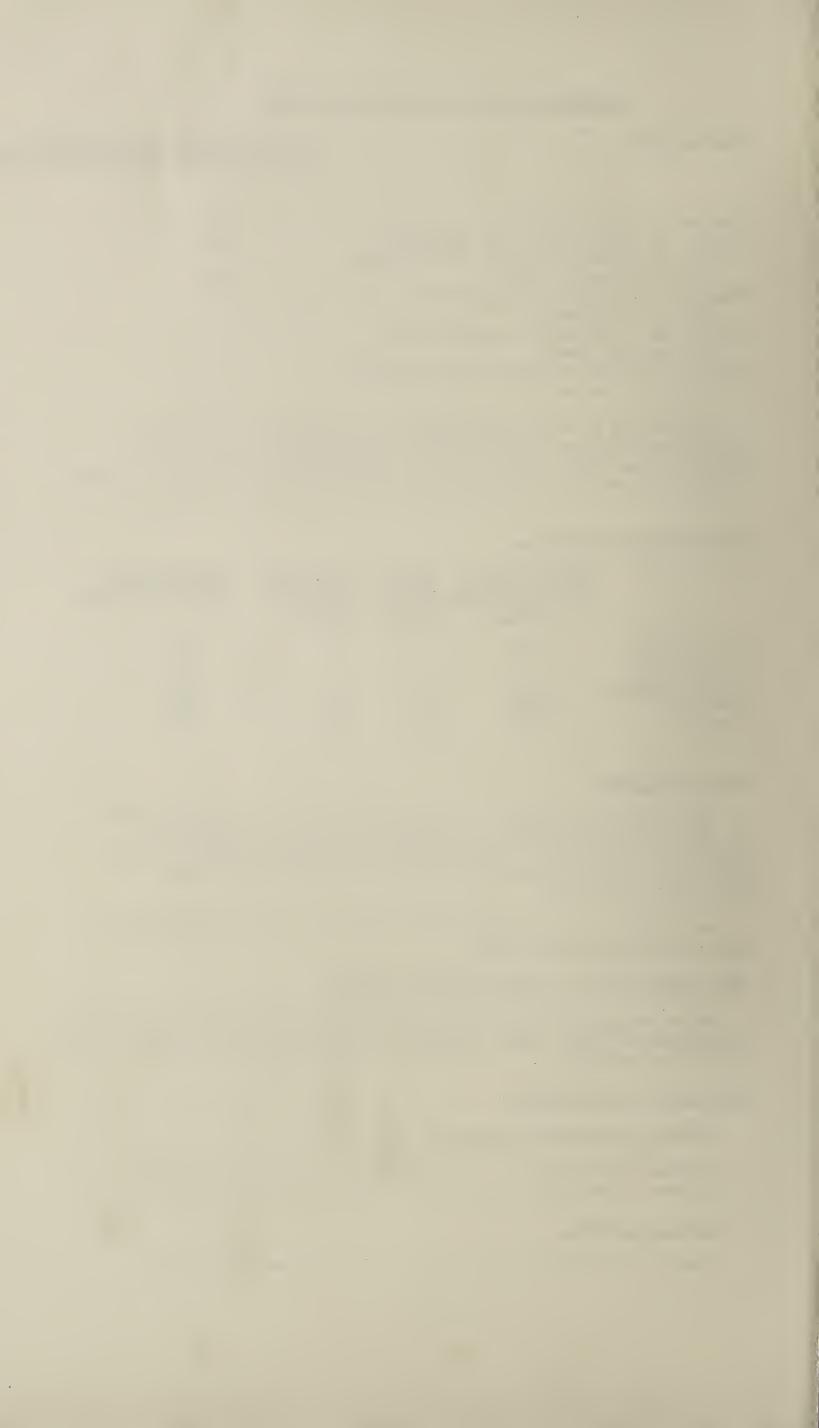
Meat and other Foods.

Private Slaughter Houses :-

Number	in	District	•	•	•	 •	•	• •	۰ •	 •		٥	 •	•	۰	•	•	•	•	•	• (•	1	4
Number	of	visits													_							3.	39:	2

Knacker Yards

Number of visits



Places where Food (other than Meat) are kept or prepared for sale.

Slaughter Houses and Meat Inspection.

The slaughterhouses generally are well maintained and the standard of hygiene is high.

The number of cattle, sheep and pigs slaughtered in the area are shown in appendix A_{\bullet} and B_{\bullet}

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47. Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

Investigations were carried out into a few cases, but no formal action was taken by the Council under this Section during the year.

I have the honour to be, Your obedient Servant,

JOHN YOUNG.

Medical Officer of Health.

Warwick Lodge, Dalby Road, Meton Mowbray.



LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

National Health Service Act. 1946. Section 26 - Diptheria Immunisation.

Melton & Belvoir Rural District.

Number of children who were immun sed during the period 1st.January - 31st.December,1955.

Age a	t 31.12.55 rn in year).	Primary Immunisation.	Booster Dose.
Under	1 1955	19	~
1	1954	146	_
2	1953	20	-
3	1952	7	_
4	1951	3	5
5	1950	8	140
6	1949	1	16
7	1948	-	2
8	1947	1	3
9	1946	1	1
10	1945	<u>.</u>	1
11	1944	-	ı
12	1943	-	
13	1942	-	-
14	1941	-	~
		Name allowed and participated and partic	No marginal de mariament de maria
		206	159



APPENDIX A.

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and condemned in whole or part.

	Cattle excluding cows.	cows	calves	Sleep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed.	626	6	11	1495	712	
Number inspected.	626	6	11	1495	712	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and cysticerci whole carcase condemned.	1	_	1	4	2	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	34	_	60ca	10	26	
Percentage of numbe inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and cysticerci.	r 55	_	9.09	. 66	3. 65	
Tuberculosis only whole carcases condemned.	_	_		- .	_	
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	2.6	_	-	Sect	7	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	4.15	-		t en	•98	

APPENDIX B.

Meat Condemned for Bovine Tuberculosis.

TIOCO O OTTACOIMICA TOT .	DO ATTIC TOWNOT OUTOOTO	
Head and Tongue Liver Lungs and Heart Lungs	Number 12 3 3 8	Weight in 1bs. 427 3 35 112
TOTAL -	26	577 lbs.
Total weight of me	101 10001	culosis 5. 21
Total weight of me		Cwts. Qrs. Sts. Lbs. 4. 2. 1. 3.





